

# Health Science Students Participate in Blood Pressure Screening at State Fair



Carroll and  
Shelby Co.  
ATC seniors  
get valuable  
hands-on  
experience at  
CWD Booth

Senior health science students from Carroll Co. and Shelby Co. ATCs got a chance to apply their knowledge and abilities giving blood pressure screenings at the Ky. State Fair on August 19.

KY Tech students participating in the event included Chris Aldridge, Jannie Cummings and Lisa Shaw of Carroll Co.; Brittany Bohannon, Stephanie Grigsby, Tiffany McCarty, Kimberly Richardson, Karen Thomas and Carolyn Watts of Shelby Co.

The screenings were part of the activities at the Cabinet for Workforce Development's booth, which was located in the South Wing of the Ky. Fair and Exposition Center.



**Students worked in two shifts from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm screening endless lines of fairgoers.**

**“I found out originally that I had high blood pressure after being checked several years ago at the State Fair,” said Rita Kleitz of Louisville. “Now I make it a point to get checked every year.”**

**As students greeted and checked their “patients,” instructors Sherry Lawson of Carroll Co. and Peggy Williford of Shelby Co. were pleased with how they performed.**

**“Practical experience like this not only provides a service, but it gives students real life experiences,” said Williford. “I have been in nursing for 23 years, but I love teaching. Working with the students will keep me young forever!”**

**Brittany Bohannon has been in the health science class at Shelby Co. for two years and plans to become a nurse after graduation. She became interested in the field after paying a visit to the ATC as a sophomore.**



**“I realized then I wanted to be a nurse,” she said. “I like to work with people, especially children. I hope to eventually work at a children’s hospital.”**

**Brittany was able to become a Medicaid Nurse Aid after her first year and works part-time at a nursing home in Shelbyville.**

**Chris Aldridge of the Carroll Co. ATC enrolled in the health science program thinking he wanted to become a family physician and looking for a way to help him decide.**

**“Once I got into the program, I knew that’s what I wanted to do,” he said. “I’ve always liked helping people and making them feel better. What better way to do this than to become a physician?”**

**Jannie Cummings, also of the Carroll Co. program wants to get her bachelor’s degree and become a registered nurse specializing in neonatal care or obstetrics. Ms. Lawson is setting up a job shadowing experience for her to watch a labor and delivery.**

**“I love volunteering and helping people,” she said. I’m really glad I enrolled in this program because I will have the experience I need to be ready for college.”**

**“I believe being out in the community like this provides experience for our students,” says Lawson. “It also provides an important service to the public while showing the caliber of education available at our KY Tech schools.”**

